

Exchange Information Sheet for Partner Universities

University of Bremen – Incoming Students

Name of the University	University of Bremen – Universität Bremen (www.uni-bremen.de)
Academic Year	<p>Winter Semester: October 1st - March 30th</p> <p>Summer Semester: April 1st - September 30th</p> <p>Each semester includes a so-called lecture-free period, during which exams are held.</p> <p>For the latest information about academic years and important dates, such as the exact date of start and end of the lecture period, please check: http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/lecture-courses/semester-dates.html</p>
Official language	German
Language of instruction	German is the primary language of instruction. However, there are a multitude of courses offered in English in many programs.
Language requirements	<p>B2, C1 preferred, according to the Common European Language Framework. (equals IELTS 6,5 or TOEFL ibt 90)</p> <p>For more information please visit: http://www.goethe.de/ins/de/enindex.htm --> concept & quality --> course levels</p> <p>To improve your German language knowledge, please take a look at our international Summer Courses: "German as a Foreign Language".</p> <p>Language classes are offered for an additional fee. http://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/1422.0.html</p>
Language courses for exchange students	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Students have the opportunity to attend an intensive German language course offered <u>prior</u> to orientation week. The course is co-financed by the University of Bremen, allowing exchange students to pay a reduced fee of 152 € for 60 hours (= 6 ECTS credits). Apply online via Newcomer Service 2. During the semester the University of Bremen offers German language courses <u>free of charge</u> to all exchange students from partner universities. These courses consist of a 4-hour German language course every week for <u>one</u> semester during the lecture period (=6 ECTS). 3. A 2-hour course in the self-learning center with support from tutors (=3ECTS) is offered additionally. Students who stay one whole year can attend this self- learning course a second time within their second semester at the University (=3ECTS). <p>-----</p> <p>Students can earn up to 15 ECTS in German language courses within their first semester abroad. However, they are asked to consult with their tutor and the</p>

	<p>foreign languages center before enrolling for classes.</p> <p>In addition to courses offered, there are other possibilities for improving language skills, such as tandem partners (arranged by the Center for Foreign Languages) and the Selbstlernzentrum (self-learning center) run by the Fremdsprachenzentrum (Center for Foreign Languages). For more information please visit: http://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de</p> <p>All other language courses such as “<u>International Summer Courses</u>” http://www.fremdsprachenzentrum-bremen.de/1415.0.html or courses offered at the Goethe-Institut require additional fees.</p>
Application Procedure	<p>Application Procedure for Exchange Students:</p> <p>After the nomination, students from partner universities who would like to study at the University of Bremen should apply online. Student nominations should be submitted via e-mail both to our departmental coordinator and as a copy (cc) to the International Office (studybremen@uni-bremen.de). Nominations should come from a professor or advisor at the home university, and should include the student’s full name, e-mail address and degree being pursued (Bachelor, Master). Most exchange students are pursuing a Bachelor’s degree, but graduate students may be nominated upon request.</p> <p>After being nominated, the International Office will contact your student and provide information about the online application procedure. Online applications for the winter semester should be completed between May 15th and June 1st. Applications for the summer semester should be completed between November 1st and November 15th. The online application also gives students a chance to apply for accommodation, to register for orientation-week, and to sign up for the “study-buddy” programme.</p> <p>After applying online, the following documents should be sent to the International Office:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a printed version of the online application form signed and stamped by the sending institution and the student - a copy of their certificate of matriculation <p>As soon as these documents are received, students will get a confirmation email that includes important times and dates.</p> <p>An official invitation in paper form will be issued only upon request after June 1st / November 15th</p> <p>For more information please check: http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/international.html</p>
Nomination and Application Deadlines	<p>Deadlines for student nominations are:</p> <p>May 15th for winter semester and October 31st for summer semester.</p>

	<p>Deadlines for online student registration: June 1st for winter semester and November 15th for summer semester.</p> <p>Students who need a visa must apply and register for the visa immediately after nomination to allow enough time for processing.</p> <p>Contact: studybremen@uni-bremen.de for more information.</p>
Acceptance Letters	Official paper invitations will be issued only upon request after June 1 st / November 15 th
Content of our academic programs	<p>A list of degrees and courses offered at the University of Bremen can be found at: http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/lecture-courses/courses.html</p> <p>Please select “English spoken only” for the display of classes held in English.</p> <p>In addition to degree courses, visiting students may also choose any course listed under Global Education, independent of their actual field of study (up to 15 ECTS can be obtained in Global Education). Global Education courses are designed for international exchange students who would like to learn more about German culture, history, literature, and politics. These courses also provide an international and intercultural perspective into the German educational system, give an impression about the process of studying and doing research in Germany, and provide valuable intercultural experiences.</p> <p>Notice: The students are individually responsible to receive a course certificate (“Schein”) from every class. If a special transcript is needed please contact your main coordinator.</p> <p>Information about courses can be found online: http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/studies/lecture-courses/courses.html ➤ Global Education.</p>
Numbers of accepted exchange students	The number of accepted exchange students is set by agreements between the partner university and the University of Bremen. If a partner university would like to send more students than expected, please contact us. We are usually flexible!
Living Expenses per month Information about Germany and Bremen	<p>Living costs in Bremen are approximately 700-850 € per month.</p> <p>This calculation is based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing approx. 250-350€ per month • Food and groceries approx. 230€ per month • Books (depending on classes and degree) approx. 100€ per term • Semester contribution of approx. 220€ (for public transportation etc.) • Insurance 78,30€ per month (May 2014) • Additional language course prior to the start of lectures 152€ (May 2014) <p>Please note that all information is based on a general estimation and that the personal costs vary depending on the individual situation of the student!</p>

	<p>Other useful information can be found here:</p> <p>http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/profile/bremen.html</p>
Accommodation	<p>Accommodation for exchange students can be arranged through the International Office (residences/private accommodation). In most cases, students would live in a furnished room on campus. Students should expect to share a bathroom/kitchen with others.</p> <p>For this option, students need to check “Yes, I need accommodation” when they fill in the online application. They will receive an accommodation proposal by email.</p> <p>Email: accomm@uni-bremen.de</p> <p>Rental contracts usually start on the first day of a month, e.g. October 1st, or April 1st. Students, who arrive earlier may have to find interim accommodation. Should they arrive significantly later, they may still have to pay rent for the full month. Students should also check the exact terms of the contract ending their lease, also here sometimes the “full month” period applies, if not explicitly stated otherwise.</p>
International Students	<p>Approximately 13% of all students at the University of Bremen are international students.</p>
More information about our institution:	<p>Detailed information can be found under:</p> <p>http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/profile.html</p> <p>Information about “Excellence University Bremen”:</p> <p>http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/latest-news/single-view/article/exzellenz-uni-bremen.html?cHash=4d69a1b522de5360c6c82b569fedaf5c</p> <p>http://youtu.be/Xjr_d35bSg4</p> <p>Film about Excellence Initiative (German language):</p> <p>http://www.uni-bremen.de/de/universitaet/exzellenzinitiative.html</p> <p>English version: http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/university/exzellenzinitiative.html</p> <p>General information about studying at the University of Bremen (before, during, and after): http://www.uni-bremen.de/studium/studium_en.php3.</p>

Additional Information:

Orientation Week	<p>The International Office offers exchange students from our partner universities an orientation week (O-week) to help newly arrived students find their way around the city and campus. The O-Week is held prior to the start of lectures. Details will be sent to students after nomination.</p>
Residence Permit Requirements	<p>Registration at the official registration office of Bremen (EU-Citizens):</p> <p>Everyone who resides in Germany needs to be officially registered.</p>

	<p>It must be done <u>within one week of moving to your new address</u>.</p> <p>In order to register, you will need the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Official form entitled “Anmeldung und Ummeldung” (form can be obtained at the authority “Meldestelle”) on campus (near the main cafeteria (Mensa) or online: http://www.bsu.uni-bremen.de/formulare%28neu%29.html ➤ A copy of your Identity card or passport ➤ “Aufenthaltsanzeige” (only for EU-citizens) <p>You will be issued a receipt of registration which you must present to the <i>Ausländerbehörde</i> (immigration office) if you are a non-EU-citizen. You will also need this receipt of registration to receive a library card.</p> <p><u>Registration with the “Ausländerbehörde” (immigration office)</u></p> <p><u>Citizens of non-EU-states</u> should register with the <i>Ausländerbehörde</i> as soon as possible after arriving in Germany and receiving their receipt of registration. You will need to present the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Completed application for a resident permit (forms can be obtained at the registration office) ➤ Passport ➤ Visa ➤ Receipt of registration from official registration office - <i>Einwohnermeldeamt</i> ➤ Enrolment certificate ➤ Proof of health insurance coverage ➤ 1 current biometrical passport-sized photo ➤ Evidence of financial means of support, (e.g. evidence of Erasmus mobility grant or other scholarships). The available amount per month should be in the order of the German Federal Student Grant rate (<i>BAföG</i>) or DAADA rate which is around 650 € per month. <p>The official registration office “Meldestelle” is located in the Service Center “BSU” on the University campus. Further details can be found at: http://www.bsu.uni-bremen.de</p>
<p>Health Insurance / Health Services</p>	<p>Health insurance is required by law for all students in Germany, i.e. evidence of insurance coverage by a “<i>Krankenkasse</i>” is a prerequisite for enrolment at a university. In order to enrol themselves at the University of Bremen, students need a health insurance which provides <u>unlimited</u> coverage. Private health insurances of home countries or travel insurances for the purpose of visa applications are <u>not accepted for enrolment at the University of Bremen if they limit the cost of treatments or duration of coverage</u>.</p>

	<p>We therefore highly recommend to apply for the statutory health insurance in Germany which covers all possible costs for the term. For more information please contact: incoming@uni-bremen.de</p> <p>The statutory health insurance is a special low-cost health insurance (“<i>Krankenkasse</i>”) for students and can already be used for the visa applications. Students who intend to participate in the Orientation Week or who arrive in Germany before the official start of the semester (1st October/ 1st April) will additionally need a travel insurance to <u>cover the time gap between their arrival in Germany and the start of the term!</u></p> <p>The cost of the statutory health insurance is about 79 Euro per month. The obligatory health insurance covers treatment costs and medicine. At the moment, costs for student health insurance are approximately 470 € per semester (6 months). Compulsory long-term care insurance is included.</p> <p>The insurance card is your entry pass to all medical services and preventive care included in health insurance. If you have to stay in a hospital the insurance will pay all costs for your hospital treatment (if you are exempted from additional payments), nursing, and examinations, (except for the “<i>Eigenanteil</i>” of 10 Euro per day in hospital).</p>
Welcome Desk	<p>Welcome Desk:</p> <p>The International Office offers a welcome desk to help exchange students upon their arrival in Bremen. Student tutors provide information and answer questions. <u>All international students’ questions should be addressed to the tutors.</u> During the orientation week, the tutors support exchange students of partner universities at the welcome desk located on campus.</p>
Other Information / Remarks	<p>The following formalities must be completed upon arrival in Bremen:</p> <p><i>Registration and fees</i></p> <p>There is a simplified registration procedure for visiting students requiring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Proof of registration from your home university ➤ Non-EU citizens: proof of health insurance which is valid in Germany or a German compulsory health insurance ➤ A receipt to prove that you have paid the semester fees after your arrival (~ 200,- EUR). For more information please visit the registrar’s office website: http://www.uni-bremen.de/en/students.html >> Link: Semester contribution <p>The semester fees are for the following entitlements: the <i>Semesterticket</i> (free public transport in and around Bremen for the entire semester, membership in the <i>Studentenwerk</i> (this entitles you to purchase meals, etc. on campus at specially reduced prices) and for membership in the <i>Studentenschaft</i> (Student Union); the semester fees are administration fees (not tuition fees).</p>

	<p>Please note that our tutors of the Newcomer Team at the welcome desk will do their best to support exchange students from our partner universities with these formalities.</p> <p>At the end of the process, provided that the above mentioned documents have been submitted, all relevant student enrolment documents such as student ID card, semester transportation ticket, etc. will be provided to the student.</p> <p>If you wish to continue studying in Bremen after your time as an exchange student, you can ask at the International Office for further information.</p>
<p>International Students (and students <u>outside</u> the exchange agreement) “Free Movers”</p>	<p>The <i>Sekretariat für Studierende – International (SFSI)</i> is responsible for all formalities regarding registration and renewal of registration for <u>all</u> international students. It is located on the ground floor of the main “VWG” administration building - <i>Verwaltungsgebäude</i>. (Email: apply@uni-bremen.de)</p>